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COMPONENT ARCHITECTURE FOR MEDICAL DEVICE SYSTEM NETWORKS

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a patent application consisting of specification, claims, and abstract, and four (4) sheets of drawings. The inventors are: Chester G. Nelson, 4980 Comstock Lane North, Plymouth, Minnesota, 55446; John B. Farr, 4 Sunshine Lane, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55127; Kevin M. Johnson, 1395 Wellesley Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105; and Charles R. Stomberg, 24101 Heath Ave. N., Forest Lake, Minnesota, 55025.

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/199,967 filed April 27, 2000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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